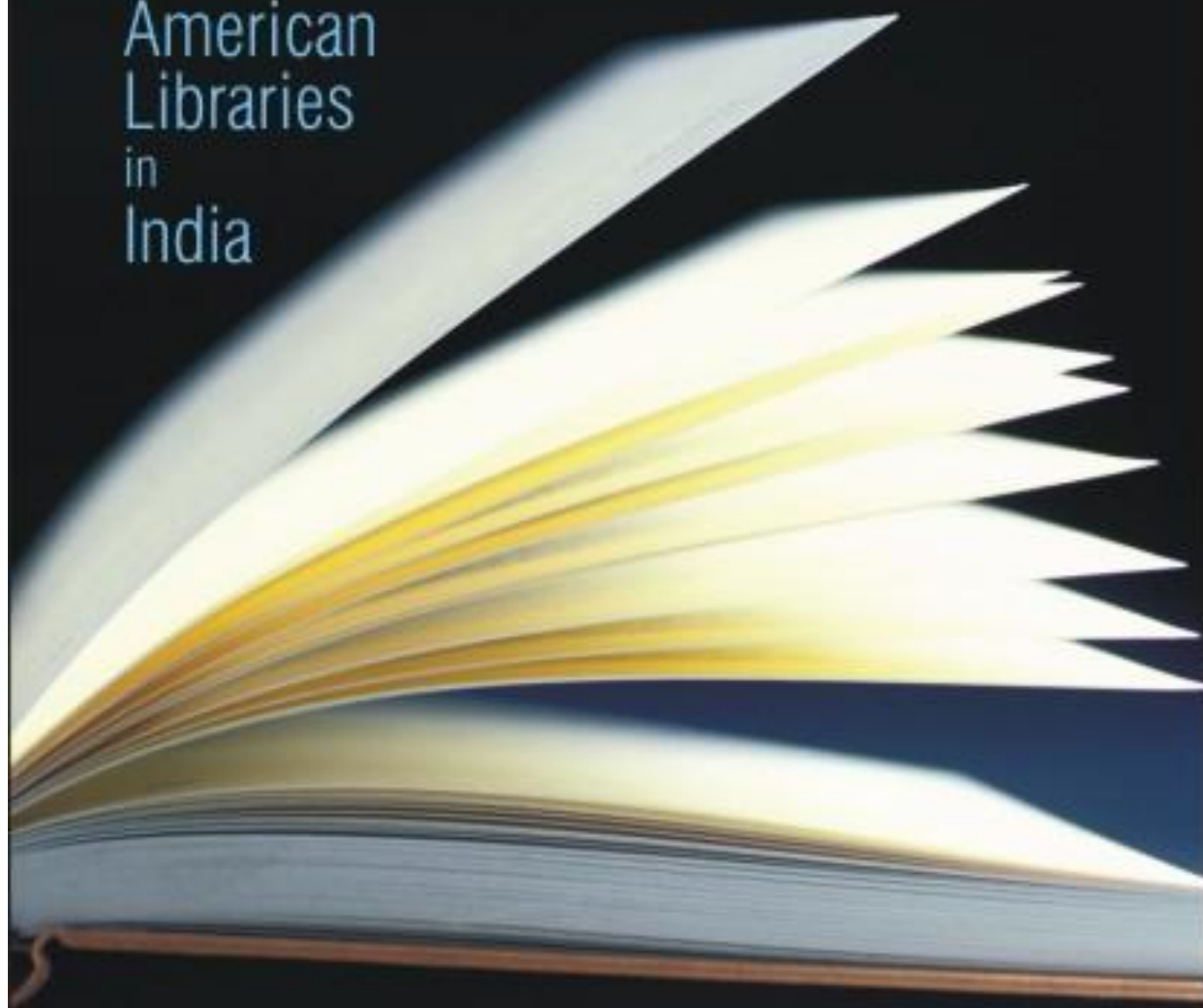


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## ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Franck, Karen A.  
Architecture from inside out : from the body, the senses, the site, and the community / Karen A. Franck and R. Bianca Lepori. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Wiley-Academy, ©2007. 200 p. 721 FRA

Authors of this book, one an environmental psychologist and the other a practicing architect, bring together their expertise in adding a new dimension to the field of architecture that transcends commonly held notions of style. They encourage and illustrate the pursuit of design as a process evolving from inside—from movement, sensation, surroundings and a dialogue between architect and client. Their approach places human life, experience and materiality at the center of design while seeking out opportunities for discovery, growth and transformation. Students of architecture and design will gain fresh insight into the beautiful world of architecture and design. -- ND

## THE ARTS

2. Muir, John Kenneth.  
The rock & roll film encyclopedia / John Kenneth Muir. Applause Theatre & Cinema Books, ©2007. 358 p. REF 791.43657 MUR

This encyclopedia of the rock & roll film features 231 highly detailed yet reader-friendly entries from 1956 through 2005. Arranged alphabetically, it includes cast list, creative personnel, M.P.A.A. rating, running time, and DVD availability. Along with summaries of seminal rock films, the book includes entries on key rock/cinema figures and an idiosyncratic though entertaining category entitled "Genre Conventions". The entire book is refreshingly subjective and unstructured, allowing the author to display his deep knowledge and affection for the subject. --  
(For use only in the Library) CH (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

## BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

3. Brafman, Ori.  
The starfish and the spider : the unstoppable power of leaderless organizations / Ori Brafman and Rod A. Beckstrom. Portfolio, 2007. 232 p. 658.402 BRA

Brafman and Beckstrom, who have applied their business know-how to promoting peace and economic development through decentralized networking, offer a breezy and entertaining look at how decentralization is changing many organizations. The title metaphor conveys the core concept—though a starfish and a spider have similar shapes, their internal structure is dramatically different. A decapitated spider inevitably dies, while a starfish can regenerate itself from a single amputated leg. In the same way, decentralized organizations are made up of many smaller units capable of operating, growing and multiplying independently, making it very difficult for a rival force to control or defeat them. The book is a provocative and compelling page-turner that gives an entirely new dimension to the way we see the world. -- K (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2006)

4. Griffin, Ricky W.  
Organizational behavior : managing people and organizations / Ricky W. Griffin and Gregory Moorhead. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Houghton Mifflin Co., ©2007. 582 p. 658.4 GRI

Griffin and Moorhead cover fundamentals of organizational behavior from a practical perspective. The text features student orientation with a lively writing style. While the historical background of major topics is described, the text emphasizes modern management approaches, using real-world examples and cases from well-known organizations such as Ryanair, Merrill Lynch, and the Denver Broncos. The volume clearly stands apart in its significant structural and content changes, as well as an enhanced design—with more figures and tables, cartoons with captions, and 50 new color photos—for greater visual appeal. Meaningful end-of-chapter exercises, activities, plus an optional case and exercise book make this flexible text especially suitable for students at the undergraduate level. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)



5. Newsom, Doug.  
This is PR : the realities of public relations / Doug Newsom, Judy VanSlyke Turk and Dean Kruckeberg. 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, ©2007. 416 p. 659.2 NEW

This valuable guide on public relations (PR) provides the fundamentals of this important skill and introduces the readers to the various components of the subject including history, research, emerging issues like technology, ethics, and the international aspects of public relations. This edition incorporates revised materials that trace technology's impact on public relations strategies and tactics. It is adequately loaded with examples, strategies, and case studies that help identify the underlying practical concepts. The book is wide in its scope and is meant for both the seasoned public relations practitioners as well as the novice students. -- CH/K/ND

6. Romas, John Albert.  
Practical stress management : a comprehensive workbook for managing change and promoting health / John A. Romas and Manoj Sharma. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson/Benjamin Cummings, ©2007. 270 p. REF 613 ROM

Appropriate for both classroom and independent study, this workbook helps readers identify the causes and effects of stress in everyday life, and suggests new behaviors for reducing stress, communicating better, resolving conflict, coping with anxiety, and managing time. The book provides practical tools for recognizing and preventing stress. Its action-oriented approach enables students to make personal change through self-reflection and behavior change techniques. This edition adds sections on humor for stress reduction, self-hypnosis, and eating disorders. The audio CD provides guided relaxation techniques. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

7. Sherman, Andrew J.  
Raising capital : get the money you need to grow your business /  
Andrew J. Sherman. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. AMACOM, ©2005. 444 p.  
658.15224 SHE

In this updated edition, a Washington, DC corporate lawyer explains what subsequent world events, corporate scandals, and recent stabilization of capital markets mean for emerging growth companies. With examples and graphics, Sherman overviews how trends in the entrepreneurial climate is driving value in venture-investing terms. He discusses capital-formation strategies, venture investor priorities, the capital process including the initial public offering, and regulatory issues. The guide includes resources, sample forms, and checklists. -- CH/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)

8. Stuart, Bonnye E.  
Integrated business communication in global marketplace / Bonnye  
E. Stuart, Marilyn S. Sarow and Laurence Stuart. John Wiley &  
Sons Inc., ©2007. 426 p. 658.45 STU

Drawing on their years of experience in the field of communication, the authors present an excellent introduction to professional business communication. They recommend an interdisciplinary approach to communication through collaborative learning strategies. The book is user-friendly and covers different communication concepts and issues from marketing, management, public relations, promotions, and organizational communications. The authors have included several interviews, case studies, real-world business communication examples, and exercises to make the book more practical and useful for students of business communication. -- ND

9. Taylor, William C.  
Mavericks at work : why the most original minds in business win /  
William C. Taylor and Polly LaBarre. Harper, 2008. 316 p.  
658.409 TAY

This book challenges the business leaders to think bigger and aim higher. While these are not new challenges, this book differentiates itself from the others in its vision and encourages entrepreneurs to "break the

mold." The authors have identified positive developments in a business environment that is struggling to emerge from slow growth, dashed expectations, and corporate scandals. Although they show how big-names like HBO, IBM, and Proctor & Gamble are finding new ways to stand out, a new breed is also emerging that is proving that smarter can beat bigger. Companies such as Netflix, Google, and craigslist really are reinventing the wheel and have caused the business community to stand up and notice. The authors' vision is that these new innovators, once dismissed as upstarts, hold the key to reinstituting business as a source of inspiration and progress, creating a path for others to follow. -- CH/K/M (Adapted from Booklist, ©2008)

## COMMUNICATION

10. Birnbaum guides 2009 Disneyland resort : expert advice from the inside source : the official guide / Wendy Lefkon, editorial director. Disney Editions, ©2008. 158 p. REF 917.94 BIR

This official Disney guide provides all the practical information needed to organize a Disneyland Resort visit down to the smallest details like when to go, how to get there, which theme park tickets to buy, tips on saving money on lodging, food, and transportation and much more. This edition is thoroughly updated and provides the most accurate and current information on prices and attractions. It describes every ride, restaurant, and shop. This guide offers a fine introduction to the park for those who have never been there. And for those who are planning to revisit the park, this guide will update them with the latest information about it and help them plan better. -- (For use only in the Library) K

11. Hariman, Robert.  
No captions needed : iconic photographs, public culture, and liberal democracy / Robert Hariman and John Louis Lucaites. University of Chicago Press, ©2007. 419 p. 306 HAR

Robert Hariman and John Louis Lucaites provide a provocative study of iconic photographs as a dynamic form of public art. This book captures nine of the most famous photographs to examine why these images are so powerful, explains how they remain meaningful across generations,

and illustrates their underlying messages. Each photograph is analyzed to reveal the extent to which such images can resonate. The focus of the book is of tremendous significance for contemporary society and the state of democratic public culture. The volume is a compelling demonstration of photojournalism's vital contribution to public life. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

12. Seely, John.  
The Oxford guide to effective writing and speaking / John Seely.  
2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford University Press, 2005. 312 p. 428.2 SEE

Wide in its scope, this guide covers almost everything from communication in everyday life to writing emails and faxes, giving presentations and preparing reports. It also imparts much-needed skill on understanding the demands of particular audiences, subjects, and situations. It also guides readers on customizing their message and language in a wide range of situations and specific requirements of audiences. For enhancing the accuracy and appropriateness of communication, the book touches upon grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and punctuation. Keeping pace with changing demands of the time, it deals with writing emails and writing for the Internet and examines using technology. Several exercises, guidelines, and examples make this book very practical and user-friendly in approach. -- CH/K/M/ND

## **ECONOMICS**

13. Langran, Robert.  
Government, business, and the American economy / Robert Langran and Martin Schnitzer. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, ©2007. 379 p. 338.973 LAN

This book takes an interdisciplinary approach combining political science with economics and business. Langran and Schnitzer work through both domestic and international issues, including antitrust laws, deregulation, development, terrorism and security. They cover the role of the state in a changing financial and social context, the influence of government regulation, the role of the Supreme Court and the Federal Trade Commission, social regulation of business, deregulation of transportation

and communications as well as financial institutions, international trade, regional trading blocs, and the issues of wealth and income inequality in America. -- CH/K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

14. Smith, Roy C.  
Governing the modern corporation : capital markets, corporate control, and economic performance / Roy C. Smith and Ingo Walter.  
Oxford University Press, ©2006. 322 p. 338.6 SMI

This book examines the changing role and function of the business corporation, the duties of its officers and directors, and the power of chief executive officers. Smith and Walter note that the role and function of the corporation is evolving, and that such principal players as auditors and bankers must refocus on their obligations to their shareholders, clients, and investors. They cover the bubble phenomenon, the new financial markets, legacies of the corporation and the changing roles of their directors, the new powers of the CEO, and the roles of institutional investors, auditors and bankers. They close with an evaluation of what government regulation has done to corporate governance and what should be done to correct it. -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

## EDUCATION

15. Bowen, William G.  
Equity and excellence in American higher education / William G. Bowen, Martin A. Kurzweil, and Eugene M. Tobin ; in collaboration with Susanne C. Pichler. University of Virginia Press, 2006. 453 p. 379.2 BOW

Using historical research, recent social science and public policy scholarships, and international comparisons, the authors investigate the widening gap between equity and excellence in higher education. The authors, who are all from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, trace efforts to achieve educational equity and excellence from the American Revolution to the early Cold War and study the contemporary situation at nineteen colleges and universities. They propose changes at every level, right from reform of the admission process to addressing various pre-collegiate obstacles faced by disadvantaged students. This is a valuable resource for anyone interested in

exploring about opportunities in the United States. -- CH/K/M/ND  
(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

## ENVIRONMENT

16. Baber, Walter F.  
Deliberative environmental politics : democracy and ecological  
rationality / Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Bartlett. MIT Press, ©2005.  
276 p. 333.72 BAB

This innovative, thoughtful, and persuasive book fills the gap in the existing literature on environmental studies, policy and politics. It identifies the need to link political theory with the practice of environmental politics and advocates in favor of deliberative democracy's relevance to the environmental politics. It recognizes citizens' involvement in ensuring ecological sustainability and says that environmentalists cannot avoid engaging deliberative democratic theory, involving public opinion formation and construction of agreement through dialogue. In their attempt to establish a relation between deliberative democracy and environmental politics, Baber and Bartlett put forward three approaches to public discourse—the public-reason approach, the ideal-discourse approach, and the full-liberalism approach. The authors argue that citizens should rise above their cultural differences in recognizing a generalized interest in ecological sustainability. They seek to bring together citizens and experts to forge the political will needed for putting the rational solution into practice. -- ND

17. Pralle, Sarah Beth.  
Branching out, digging in : environmental advocacy and agenda  
setting / Sarah Pralle. Georgetown University Press, ©2006. 279 p.  
333.75 PRA

This book is an analysis of interest conflicts between advocacy groups. It illustrates how these groups negotiate and strategize in increasingly competitive and complex political situations. Sarah Pralle explores how the various political actors including local and national environmental organizations, local residents, timber companies, and different levels of government define environmental issues differently and

draw in different governmental institutions to achieve their goals. Pralle draws on two case studies to develop a dynamic new model of conflict management by advocacy groups. The detailed case studies will appeal to readers interested in environmental issues, while the theoretical text is more likely to attract the interest of advanced political scholars. -- M/ND

## INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

18. Bouweraerts Daniel.  
Introduction to computer graphics : design professional / by Daniel Bouweraerts. Thomson/Course Technology, ©2005, 490 p.  
006.6 BOU

Part of the *Design Professional Series*, this book offers an authoritative overview of the applications and software commonly used in print and digital media. It builds a foundation in design theories and concepts to foster student creativity. It discusses the tools that have impacted computer graphics in big way including software, production and reproduction technologies, and electronic publishing and proofing. Design tips and sidebar information further add to the understanding of the topic under discussion. -- ND

19. Cleveland, Donald B.  
Introduction to indexing and abstracting / Donald B. Cleveland and Ana D. Cleveland. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2001. 283 p.  
025.3 CLE

This guide presents the basic knowledge necessary to become a professional indexer. Coverage includes fundamentals of the nature of information, organization of information, vocabulary control, types of indexes and abstracts, steps in the indexing/abstracting processes, evaluation of indexing, and use of electronic resources. New to this edition are explanations of indexing software types, specific software packages, indexing and the Internet, and sections on metadata, Dublin Core, and OCLC CORC (Cooperative Online Resource Catalog). Ninety-nine web resources for indexers and abstractors are organized into 15 categories including online bookstores, search services, indexing services dictionaries and dictionary directories, multi-reference resources, e-mail reference sites,

standards, and indexing-related discussion groups. Another section discusses the burgeoning field of image indexing. -- K/M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2001)

20. McConnel, Jeffrey J.  
Computer graphics : theory into practice / Jeffrey J. Jones and  
Bartlett Publishers, ©2006. 519 p. 006.6 MCC

This book focuses on realistic computer-generated images using OpenGL, a set of graphics programming tools operating across different computer platforms. McConnell introduces terminology, basic concepts, and the underlying math of object modeling and rendering. He also covers various aspects of advanced modeling, for example, of cloth, feathers, hair, and skin. Chapters are supplemented with black & white and color images, schematics, equations for generating images, examples of OpenGL applications, and projects. Appended material includes computer graphics-relevant math. The book is primarily meant for advance readers having some prior knowledge of general programming and basic data structures. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

21. Quigley, Ellie.  
PHP and MySQL by example / Ellie Quigley with Marko Gargenta.  
Prentice Hall, ©2007. 878 p. 006.76 QUI

Accessible to both web designers and programmers, this tutorial introduces the PHP 5 scripting language and explains how to make static HTML pages dynamic. The authors explain PHP data types, variables, operators, strings, arrays, functions for connecting to MySQL database server, SQL statements for retrieving data, and object-oriented programming with PHP. The text is supported by practical exercises for complete learning experience. The book is also accompanied with a CD-ROM, which contains PHP and MySQL for Windows and Linux, and a code library for creating web sites. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)



## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

22. Etzioni, Amitai.  
Security first : for a muscular, moral foreign policy / Amitai Etzioni. Yale University Press, ©2007. 308 p. 355.033 ETZ

Etzioni, in this well organized book, offers a distinctive approach to the formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign policy and debunks some commonly held assumptions. He asserts that exporting basic security should be given priority over exporting democracy to the newly liberated countries like Iraq and Afghanistan. He puts forward sensible guidelines for a fact-based foreign policy that stands valid in the real world. Stressing the importance of establishing positive relationships with these nations, this convincing book advocates the need for a fundamental shift in U.S. foreign policy and prioritizing its own interest and that of the world at large. -- CH/M/ND

23. Hertel, Shareen.  
Unexpected power : conflict and change among transnational activists / Shareen Hertel. Cornell University Press, ©2006. 159 p. 322.43 HER

*Unexpected Power* illustrates two of the most prominent transnational economic and labor rights campaigns of the 1990s—one to end child labor in Bangladesh and the other to fight gender discrimination in Mexican workplaces. Hertel investigates the reasons why the campaigns in Mexico and Bangladesh, which were apparently being supported by transnational activists, came to challenge the definitions of human rights and the policy priorities of the campaigns. She proposes two mechanisms by which these challenges operate—"blocking," in which home country activists seek to stall or halt progress in order to pressure outside activists to change the frame of the campaign, and more indirect "backdoor moves," in which the normative reference points may be agreed upon but attempts are made to change secondary reference points or policy priority points. In addition to identifying and explaining these mechanisms, she attempts to demonstrate the role they play in the overall context of the evolution of human rights campaigns. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

24. Hitting first : preventive force in U.S. security strategy / edited by William W. Keller and Gordon R. Mitchell. University of Pittsburgh Press, ©2006. 360 p. 355.4 HIT

This volume on U.S. doctrine of military force usage calls the Iraq war an intelligence failure in a democratic discourse. In a critical analysis of the political dialogue, it captures the remarkable shift in U.S. strategy from preemptive use of military force to the doctrine of preventive war. The contributors to this volume examine how the rhetoric of policy makers have integrated these two very different concepts until the public could no longer effectively distinguish between a war of necessity and a war of choice. *Hitting First* takes a view of the lessons learnt from the Iraq conflict and advocates avoiding future policy breakdowns through a process of deliberative public and governmental debate within a free market of ideas. This is a must-read book for the students and scholars of American foreign policy and international relations. -- M/ND

25. Terror, insurgency, and the state : ending protracted conflicts / edited by Marianne Heiberg, Brendan O'Leary, and John Tirman. University of Pennsylvania Press, ©2007. 499 p. 363.325 TER

In the light of recent civil wars, terror attacks, and insurgencies, this book highlights the changing notion of protracted conflicts over the last five decades. While media has been highlighting threats posed by organizations like al-Qaeda, other insurgent groups have attracted far less attention. *Terror, Insurgency, and the State* seeks to compile together the work of several scholars who have conducted extensive field research with rebel groups and governments. The book seeks to explore the aims of the long standing insurgent groups. Under the lens of this investigative work are groups including the Tamil Tigers, the IRA, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the Kurdistan Workers' Party, Basque Country and Liberty, and the People's Liberation Army of the Communist Party of Nepal, as well as the more recently visible Hizballah and Hamas. -- K

## LAW

26. Newton, Jim.  
Justice for all : Earl Warren and the nation he made / Jim Newton.  
1<sup>st</sup> Riverhead trade pbk. ed. Riverhead books, 2007. 614 p.  
923.4 WAR

Newton offers a wide-ranging study of Earl Warren's life, both political and personal. He presents Warren, whose tenure as chief justice of the Supreme Court spanned 1953 to 1969, as someone of personal moderation and ideological centrism. He offers a balanced view of the complexity of Warren's legal career. Warren served as local district attorney, attorney general, and then governor of California. He subsequently was Thomas Dewey's running mate on the 1948 presidential ticket. President Eisenhower made Warren chief justice, anticipating an appointment in line with his own Republican views, but Warren took the Court in unanticipated directions—*Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which outlawed school segregation, and *Mapp v. Ohio* (1960), which expanded the protection of individual rights. Newton analyzes Warren's rhetoric and political decisions, including his support for the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and his chairmanship of the commission charged with investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. The clear and concise writing results in a thorough and thoughtful view of Warren and his place in American legal and political history. -- CH (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2006)

## LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

27. Atkinson, Ted.  
Faulkner and the Great Depression : aesthetics, ideology, and cultural politics / Ted Atkinson. University of Georgia Press, ©2006. 271 p. 813.52 FAU

Atkinson explores connections between the best works of William Faulkner (1897–1962) and the historical and cultural context of the Great Depression, during the 1930s, in which they were written. Prominent among his perspectives are the political context, the literary class war, the specter of fascism, and ambivalent agrarianism. This comprehensive study features

Faulkner's most acclaimed works in the context of those hard times. Atkinson describes Faulkner's Depression-era novels as an ideological battleground—similar to the America in the 1930's. -- CH/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

28. Butler, Linda.  
The ESL reader's companion to The house on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros / Linda Butler. McGraw-Hill, 168 p. CIS

This book is a part of the *ESL Reader's Companion* series, a guide to novels, and illustrates the brilliant portrait of a young girl growing up in the Latino section of Chicago. Although, this companion to *The House on Mango Street* is primarily meant to be used with the Vintage Contemporaries edition of the novel, it can be effectively used with any of its editions. Every title in this series is meant for non-native speakers of English at an intermediate level. These volumes are an attempt to make the specific novels more accessible to students. Ample exercises, guided vocabulary practice, and several writing assignment make the series even more useful and practical. -- CH/K/M/ND

29. Jenkins, Fred W.  
Classical studies : a guide to the reference literature / Fred W. Jenkins. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2006. 401 p. REF 016.48 JEN

This important guide to the reference literature of classical studies clearly stands apart from the plenty of already available fine introductory surveys of modern classical scholarship. While the most available resources focus on general scholarship in the field, this volume focuses specifically on bibliographical and information sources. Jenkins strives to include the best and the most recent reference materials for studying Greek and Roman civilization from the Bronze Age through the sixth century AD. Included among them are works on art and archaeology, history, language and literature, philosophy, and philosophy. While the author gives preference to English-language works, he has also included many important titles in French, German, Italian, and Spanish. -- (For use only in the Library) K/ND

30. Kroll, Judith.  
Chapters in a mythology : the poetry of Sylvia Plath / Judith Kroll.  
Sutton Publishing, 2007. 308 p. 811.54 PLA

In this original work of fresh scholarship and impressive insight, Judith Kroll challenges the mistaken notion about Sylvia Plath and disputes her image as a death-obsessed poet. She demonstrates that Plath's verse is full of tremendous complexity and nuance. She shows how Plath's poems form a mythic biography in which depictions of death are nearly always matched with visions of rebirth and transformation. Kroll's compelling examination of Plath is now a classic and essential reading for anyone interested in Sylvia Plath. -- CH/K/M

## **PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**

31. Long, Michael G.  
Martin Luther King, Jr. on creative living / Michael G. Long.  
Chalice Press, ©2004. 135 p. 248.4 KIN

This thought-provoking book illustrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s advice on creative living for the purpose of making better persons and better communities. Michael Long puts together the numerous scattered pieces of King's advocacy on creative living portraying him as a man of ideas and a great thinker. Long draws heavily on King's own words, especially from his column "Advice for Creative Living" in *Ebony* magazine, revealing King's vision of the good life and his notion of creative living. King, who himself faced both life and death in the spirit of no surrender, stressed the importance of conquering the fear of death. He believed that the starting point of creative living is the God of love and justice. This book is an important contribution to King's scholarship and is intended for a wider readership. -- CH/K/M/ND

32. Shi, David E.  
The simple life : plain living and high thinking in American culture / David E. Shi. University of Georgia Press, 2007. 332 p.  
306 SHI

This book offers a balanced, sensitive and comprehensive account of a major theme in American cultural history. It is history of the idea of a simple life in America. Shi chronicles centuries of this ideal in America. This candid, informative, and scholarly work reveals the drive to simplify life in America and finds its meaning by the means of deliberately giving up excess material vanity. Shi's extraordinary treatment of this important subject is reflected in his carefully assessed observations. Those contemplating simplification of their personal lifestyles and circumstances in an effort to improve the quality of their lives and themselves will find this book extremely engaging. -- K

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

33. Agranoff, Robert.  
Managing within networks : adding value to public organizations / Robert Agranoff. Georgetown University Press, ©2007. 274 p.  
351 AGR

The real work of many governments is done by a network of federal and state officials working with local governments and nongovernmental organizations to address issues that cross governmental boundaries. Drawing on data compiled from fourteen public management networks in five states, Agranoff analyzes the structure, operations, and achievements of these public management networks, looking at areas such as transportation, economic and rural development, data management, water conservation, and services for people with developmental disabilities. He identifies four different types of networks based on their purposes, and looks at the differences between network management and traditional management structures and leadership. Students, scholars, and practitioners of public management will find the text engaging and interesting. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

34. Anderson, Benedict R. O'Gorman.  
Imagined communities : reflections on the origin and spread of  
nationalism / Benedict Anderson. Rev. ed. Verso, ©2006. 240 p.  
320.54 AND

In this enhanced and revised edition, Anderson updates and elaborates on factors that make people live, die, and kill in the name of nations. He elaborates on the process that people with different cultural background go through before reaching a stage where they feel a kinship with people they have not even met. He calls this togetherness a nation. This is a must-read book for anyone interested in understanding the underlying concepts of nation and nationhood. -- CH/K/M/ND

35. Baumgartner, Jody C.  
The American vice presidency reconsidered / Jody C. Baumgartner.  
Praeger Publishers, 2006. 184 p. 352.23 BAU

This fascinating book seeks to reassess the role of the vice presidency in American politics. Since 1960 the office of the vice president of the United States has evolved into a fundamentally different institution than the one envisioned by its founders. Baumgartner begins with a characterization of the evolution of the office, focusing for the rest of the work only on the modern era. He then offers chapters discussing the pre-office attributes and qualifications of vice presidential candidates, the reasons candidates are selected, and the role they play in presidential political campaigns. He then analyzes the formal constitutional, statutory, and appointive roles of the vice presidency and its informal ceremonial, diplomatic, political, and advisory roles. The final chapter discusses what happens to vice presidential candidates after they have left office or lost their campaigns. -- CH/K/M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

36. Civil rights chronicle : the African-American struggle for  
freedom / Mark Bauerlein ... [et al.]. Legacy, ©2003. 448 p.  
REF 323.1196073 CIV

Filled with impressive pictorials, this captivating coffee-table book illustrates the African American struggle for the recognition of basic humanity and legal rights. Under the guidance of Clayborne Carson, several

authors, including Mark Bauerlein, Todd Steven Burroughs, Ella Forbes, and Jim Haskins contributed to the text, which is divided into nine chapters. These chapters range from "The Early Struggle" (before 1900) to the end of the 20th century. Primarily a picture book in its design and execution, the volume offers a visual tour of people, places, and developments that marked the movement from slavery to freedom. -- (For use only in the Library)  
ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2004)

37. Davis, William.  
Barack Obama : the politics of hope / William Michael Davis.  
OTTN Publishing, 168 p. 973.932 OBA

Barack Obama seems to have a natural constituency among young people, and this attractive biography in the *Shapers of America* series will give readers a real feel for the man and forces that shaped him. Davis William uses Obama's own writings, *Dreams of My Father* (1995) and *The Audacity of Hope* (2006), but a scan of the source notes also shows magazine and newspaper articles, TV shows, and extracts from speeches, giving this heft as well as appeal. The book begins with Obama's show-stopping keynote speech at the Democratic convention in 2004, and then unfolds chronologically. It considers Obama's ethnic background and what it meant to him both growing up and as a young adult trying to find his place in the world. Davis also elaborates the realities associated with Obama's losses and wins in the political arena. Quotes from those who knew Obama in various stages of his life add to this well-rounded portrait. -- CH/K/M/ND  
(Adapted from Booklist, ©2008)

38. Gellner, Ernest.  
Nations and nationalism / Ernest Gellner ; introduction by John Breuilly. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Blackwell, 2006. 152 p. 320.54 GEL

*Nations and nationalism* describes nationalism as a result of the transformation from agrarianism to industrialization. This book cuts across a number of disciplines, including philosophy, anthropology, sociology, politics and history to argue that nationalism is an obvious consequence of modernity. Gellner's explanation of nationalism is impressive. John Breuilly further adds to the perspectives of the book through



his compelling introduction that traces how the field has evolved over the past two decades. -- CH/K/M/ND

39. Gibson, Alan Ray.  
Interpreting the founding : guide to the enduring debates over the origins and foundations of the American republic / Alan Gibson.  
University Press of Kansas, ©2006. 174 p. 342.73029 GIB

In this interesting book on the founding of the American republic, Alan Gibson analyzes pioneering works by leading scholars including Louis Hartz, Bernard Bailyn, Gordon Wood, and Garry Wills exemplifying different schools of interpretation. The scholarship on American founding is often complicated by the political agendas and contemporary concerns that often drive it. In this insightful and convenient analysis from the *American Political Thought* series, Gibson scans through the daunting and sprawling body of scholarship. He starts with a narrative of the unfolding of the modern study of the American founding. He then identifies and summarizes the core precepts of six approaches or organizing frameworks that have dominated the modern study of the American founding. He attempts to provide a balanced account of the current debate over the origins and foundations of the American republic and facilitates better understanding of the vast literature on this important subject. -- ND

40. Grossback, Lawrence James.  
Mandate politics / Lawrence J. Grossback, David A.M. Peterson and James A. Stimson. Cambridge University Press, 2006. 208 p.  
324.973 GRO

Grossback, Peterson, and Stimson weave a powerful combination of a compelling theory and convincing evidence to tell a story of post-war American elections which delivered a mandate. Victorious politicians often boast of getting public mandate, but political scientists have repeatedly raised their concerns about such claims. Political scholars generally consider mandates to be those rare occasions when a political party makes unexpected and sweeping electoral gains in national elections. Mandates bring about major changes in public policies but are ephemeral in nature. Voters fast return to normal voting patterns as the attention shifts from past to future election. Only three elections in

post war America were declared mandates by media consensus—1964, 1980, and 1994. The book captures the changes that followed these three mandate elections. Both students and scholars of political science will gain insight from the book's interesting theory of political change. -- K

41. Rieder, Jonathan.  
The Word of the Lord is upon me : the righteous performance of Martin Luther King, Jr. / Johathan Rieder. Blknap Press of Harvard University Press, ©2008. 394 p. 323 KIN

This superb addition to the literature on Martin Luther King, Jr. explores King's extraordinary performances as chameleon, consummate showman, exalted Mosaic leader, treacly icon, postethnic man and crossover artist. Rieder argues that King's power of rhetoric allowed him to straddle and dissolve boundaries between black and white. Rieder ends up with argument that King used different voices in talking to intimate friends and public audiences, in speaking as pastor and as political figure. *The Word of the Lord Is Upon Me* is a brilliant interpretive endeavor grounded in the sociology of culture that delves into the intricacies of King's sermons, speeches, storytelling, exhortations, jokes, jeremiads, taunts, repartee, eulogies, confessions, lamentation, and gallows humor, as well as the author's interviews with members of King's inner circle. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2008)

## PSYCHOLOGY

42. Thinking with data / edited by Marsha C. Lovett and Priti Shah.  
Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, ©2007. 466 p. 153.4 CAR

This volume demonstrates the diverse ways people think about data and make decisions based on data. The chapters in *Thinking With Data* are based on presentations given at the 33rd Carnegie Symposium on Cognition. The book demonstrates that thinking with data is more than just using data. It illustrates that data can be used automatically but thinking with data essentially requires understanding. The book is organized into three sections. The first part focuses on the

concept of uncertainty and variation and how they are understood in a variety of contexts. Part two looks at how people work with data to understand the structure and draw conclusions from data. Finally, third part describes the way people learn from data and make professional decisions based on data. -- ND

## **SOCIOLOGY**

43. The many faces of corruption : tracking vulnerabilities at the sector level / edited by J. Edgardo Campos and Sanjay Pradhan. World Bank, ©2007. 447 p. 364.1323 MAN

According to the authors, a road map or value chain approach to understanding corruption has distinct advantages. This approach orients policy makers towards more promising results that help provide a more structured picture of corruption problem areas and establishes links between them. Further, it helps identify vulnerabilities along the value chain and offers a vehicle for developing measurable indicators of corruption. Initial chapters in this volume open with discussions on how to apply a road map approach to the health sector, drug delivery, teacher absenteeism in the education sector, the forestry sector, the transport sector, the electricity sector, the energy sector, and water and sanitation. Later chapters focus on the public financial management cycle, public procurement, taxation, and customs administration followed by a final discussion on money laundering. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

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